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NEWS RELEASE

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“Shooting Investigation UPDATE”

On November 5, 2015 Deputies of the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office were attempting to serve search and arrest warrants for First Degree Armed Robbery at a residence located at 1043 Charles Avenue, Morgantown.

The arrest warrant was for the person of Justin KNISELL, who subsequently turned himself into the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office and is currently being held in connection with an armed robbery that occurred at West Run Apartments earlier in the day of November 5, 2015. The search warrant was pursuant to that armed robbery as well as to locate and individual that was later identified as Isaac BARKER. BARKER is currently wanted by the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office for Armed Robbery and is considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information regarding BARKER's whereabouts is encouraged to call 911 immediately.

During the execution of the search warrant, Deputies encountered David Michael ROMANOSKI, 48 years of age a resident at the address as they were searching the house. ROMANOSKI was armed with a shotgun and a handgun and was shot during the encounter. Emergency Medical personnel were staged in the immediate area because of the serious nature of the crimes involved and were able to immediately start emergency medical treatment. ROMANOSKI was transported to Ruby Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

An autopsy was completed by the WV State Medical Examiner's Office in Charleston on November 6, 2015. The autopsy report has not been completed at this time. Upon completion the results will be provided to the Monongalia County Prosecutor's Office.

Because of the complexity of this investigation there will be no anticipated updates or further information until after the completion of the investigation and review by the Monongalia County Prosecutor's Office.

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